

In the Drawings:

Applicant has submitted a replacement FIG. 1 herewith, showing an exemplary random number generator 40.

Remarks

This supplemental response is being submitted to address form issues identified by the Examiner in objecting to the drawings for not explicitly showing a circuit labeled as a “random number generator.” The final Office Action dated September 25, 2009, objected to the drawings for not explicitly reciting a random number generator. Applicant has traversed this objection, as the Examiner has failed to establish that the specific aspects identified as missing (*e.g.*, a random number generator) must necessarily be shown in the drawings in order to provide an understanding of the subject matter, contrary to M.P.E.P. § 601.01(f) and applicable law, indicating that such aspects need not be shown where not necessary for an understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented.

As applicable here, the Examiner has neither used the appropriate language for objecting to the drawings, nor explained how one of skill in the art would be incapable of understanding aspects of the claimed invention directed to a random number generator. As consistent with Applicant’s traversals of record, Applicant submits that a showing of aspects is not necessary to provide an understanding of the subject matter. This is consistent with Applicant’s specification, which indicates that such a random number generator may be part of the shown circuits in the drawings (*e.g.*, in the transponder 1 or integrated circuit 2 of FIG. 1, as consistent with the description at page 13:17-23 and in claim 5). Applicant therefore maintains this traversal.

Applicant further notes that the Advisory Action has mischaracterized Applicant’s traversals as relative to “prominent elements” of the claims; Applicant’s traversals are based upon the Examiner’s failure to establish the limitations at issue as “prominent elements” that require a showing in the drawings for an understanding, as discussed above.

However, in an effort to address this drawing form issue for Appeal, Applicant has amended FIG. 1 to include a random number generator 40, which may be implemented as shown in connection with one or more example embodiments (and is thus depicted via dashed lines). The Specification has also been amended for consistency. Applicant believes this amendment is appropriate and requests that it be entered, in accordance with M.P.E.P. 1206 (I) (B and D). Support for these amendments

found throughout the specification and figures, with exemplary embodiments described at page 13:17-23 and in claim 5 as filed.

In view of the remarks above, Applicant believes that the objections are no longer applicable. Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the agent overseeing the application file, Juergen Krause-Polstorff, of NXP Corporation at (408) 474-9062 (or the undersigned).

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